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Sir:

In response to an election/restriction requirement mailed November 12, 2002, Paper No. 22, Applicant provisionally elects, with traverse, hydroxypropyl cellulose polymers. At least claims 1 and 5 read on the elected species.

Applicant respectfully submits that a restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. 121 is unwarranted because a search of the prior art for the solid particulate pharmaceutical dosage form of claim 1 would likely include art related to the polymers cited in the restriction. Applicant submits that the search and subsequent examination would not pose a serious burden on the Patent Office and therefore examination of the entire application is proper.

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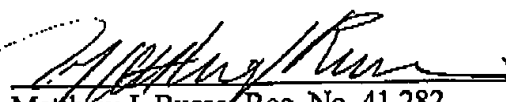
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